(b) whether the Government propose to take any action to overcome the effect of this decision, and if so, what action?

A.—(a) The Government have since perused the judgment referred to.

(b) The question of amending the rules for the election of members so as to enable women to exercise their franchise without the necessity to unveil their faces before men is engaging the attention of Government.

Medical Administration

Appointment of Demonstrators in the Vizagapatam Medical College.

* 186 Q.—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there are surplus men in the Madras Medical Service, provincial cadre;

(b) if so, how many;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government created three posts of demonstrators in the Vizagapatam Medical College to be filled up temporarily by these surplus men till the retrenchment in the Madras Medical Service (provincial) is completed; and

(d) whether it is a fact that three senior men were posted for these posts when there are surplus junior men in the cadre?

A.—(a) & (b) The strength of the Men's section of the Madras Medical Service (General Branch) has not yet been reduced as a measure of retrenchment. There are ten surplus officers if the strength of the section after reduction and the number of temporary posts and vacancies are taken into account.

(c) Yes. Assistant Surgeons have been posted to these demonstratorships as a measure of economy even though they are not intended for them.

(d) No. The Assistant Surgeons posted to the demonstratorships are not senior men.

Remuneration payable to a House Surgeon in the General Hospital, Madras.

* 187 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the remuneration paid to the House Surgeons in the Government General Hospital at Madras now is and what it was before the retrenchment was brought in;

(b) whether the reduction brought in this case was restored as in the case of other appointments;

(c) if so, from which date, and, if not, why not; and

(d) what the duties are of a House Surgeon in the Government General Hospital at Madras?